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MANY ROYAL GUESTS WILL ATTEND ALFONSO'S WEDDING

Madrid Will Witness Pageantry Without Parallel in the Modern History of the Spanish City

MADRID, May 19. The wedding of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg on May 21 will be one of the most gorgeous royal ceremonies that have been witnessed for many years.

There will be princesses and princesses by the score. Indeed, so numerous are the members of royal houses who will be present that the Spanish Government is in a state of perplexity how to find them accommodation fitting their rank.

A committee composed of high State and court functionaries has charge of the arrangements. The princesses and princesses of the British and Spanish houses will be lodged in the Royal Palace, but the other guests will have their quarters in various palaces which the grandees are offering for their reception, and which are being hurriedly prepared for the occasion.

The list of foreign representatives at the wedding is still incomplete, but the following names are now announced:

The Foreign Guests.
Great Britain: The Prince and Princess of Wales, who will represent the King and Queen.
Germany: Prince Albert of Prussia.
Russia: The Grand Duke Michael.
Austria: The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, nephew of the Emperor Francis Joseph, and heir-apparent.
Italy: The Duke of Genoa, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel.
Portugal: The Crown Prince Louis, Duke of Braganza.
Belgium: Prince Albert of Flanders, nephew of King Leopold, and heir to the throne.

Sweden: The Crown Prince Gustave.
Greece: The Crown Prince Constantine, who will be accompanied by his wife.
France: General Dubois, chief of the President's "quarter militia."
America: Lieutenant Grant, President Roosevelt's aide-de-camp.
China: The Ambassador to Great Britain.

Even Morocco will be represented by three high dignitaries, and a special embassy will come from Argentina.

Among the many other royal personages who will be present are Princess Alexander Leopold and Marico of Battenberg, brothers of the future Queen; the Archduke Eugene, brother of the Queen-mother of Spain; Prince Alexander of Teck and his wife, the Princess Alice of Great Britain, daughter of the Duke of Albany, and the Grand Duchess Mary of Russia, wife of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and Duke of Edinburgh.

The Grand Duchesses will be accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, her youngest daughter, who is 22 years of age. The two relatives of the wedding day, the Duke of Sol, the centre of Madrid, and will then proceed to the church of San Geronimo in one great procession. This procession will be the most magnificent spectacle seen in Madrid for many years. Twenty-nine royal coaches of antique design, and adorned with costly gilding and bronze and naere decorations, will convey the foreign guests and the representatives of the Spanish and British royal families.

These coaches will be drawn by six or eight horses, with postilions in eighteenth century costume.

Twenty-one coaches will contain the Spanish grandees, and there will be in addition the state carriages of Ambassadors, Ministers, court and government officials.

Some of these banners will be inscribed as follows: "Long life to Queen Victoria Eugenie"; "Long life to the King of England"; "All honor to the British nation"; "In memory of Lord Byron"; "Prado Glorious"; "Long live the city of London"; "In remembrance of Stephenson."

The preparations at the church of San Geronimo are almost completed. The street front will be widened and a staircase thirty feet across constructed.

The Lord Mayor of Madrid has written to all the Mayors of Spain, asking them to subscribe to a presentation album. A wonderful illuminated procession is being organized by the town council. It will include the following items: Two royal crowns, fifteen feet across, each carried by sixteen persons; two large banners, with portraits of the bride and bridegroom, with ten bearers; two pyramids, surrounded by golden angels bearing the arms of Spain and Battenberg, each borne by twenty men, and a fantastic portrait gallery, carried on high by 150 persons.

Six Magnificent Gowns.
The six magnificent gowns which King Alfonso is presenting to his bride are now nearing completion.

The Queen-Mother Marie Christina has personally superintended the designing, and has chosen the materials for them. The future Queen of Spain delights in glittering embroidery, delicate silver tracery in thread, beads and sequins, and in her new dresses they have all their place in designs which represent the most beautiful creations of the dressmaker's art.

The wedding gown is of white satin, the skirt heavily embroidered in silver, and trimmed with exquisite lace, which alone represents a small fortune.

Light embroideries of silver, delicate lace and orange blossoms form the trimmings of the bodice. The full court train, of white satin, is a mass of glittering silver embroidery.

One dress, admirably suited to a fair bride, is of eau de Nil brocade, trimmed with lace which has been specially made in England by the costagers of the revived lace industry.

A charming dinner gown is of forget-me-not blue crepe de chine, with trimmings of white tulle and silver embroidery.

More elaborate are two court gowns, one of cloth-of-gold and embroidered white satin, the other in vieux rose satin, embroidered in a design of lilacs, executed in silver thread, with trimmings of Alencon lace of extraordinary value.

Another gown of red satin is draped with costly lace, and has a wide waist-belt of embroidered silver tissue.



"There Are No More Children" by E. J. Buland



"Dreznig" by Ch. Lenoir

PICTURES EXHIBITED IN PARIS SALON

In the opinion of M. Pierre Vebor, this year's salon of the Society of French Artists is neither good nor bad. "At every step," he says, "one finds a canvas before which one stops without regret; respectable, satisfactory work is there in abundance, but there is an almost complete lack of first-class work." M. Vebor pays a handsome tribute to the works of foreign painters. "The letter," he says, "has all the success in this salon, and if a national section and cosmopolitan section were made, the latter would be best. The Anglo-American School, especially, has made extraordinary progress. And before long people of other countries will learn to teach the French what taste is and what color is, and yet they will have learned it in this country."



"Peace" by E. Maxence



"Departure of the Fishers" by Henri Royer



"Raillery" by U. Chéca



DINNER FOR SIX THAT COSTS TWO CENTS

The Food is Moss, and is Claimed to be Toothsome and Nourishing.

CHRISTIANIA, May 19. Moss has not hitherto figured on the table of an epicure. Indeed, it has only just been discovered as an excellent food, at once toothsome and nourishing.

Dr. Hansteen, the chief lecturer at the Agricultural School of Aas, Norway, has made the discovery. At a lecture last Wednesday in Christiania he declared his firm belief that moss was destined to become the great popular food for the masses, on account of its cheapness and nutritious value. The greenish-white moss is found almost everywhere in first dried and then carefully ground to very fine, white meal, which, when mixed with ordinary meal, can, we are told, be made into excellent bread, particularly short-bread and biscuits.

Moss is, however, even more suitable to be eaten as a vegetable than as bread. For this purpose white moss is cleaned, subjected to a certain chemical process, and pressed and cooked. The result is a dish which delights the most blasé epicure, and as regards nutritive value is the equal or superior of many vegetables now in use. Experiments which have been conducted by the lecturer show that about nine ounces of white moss suffices for a dinner for six persons. The cost is two cents.

INSURANCE POLICIES MAKE CABBY RECKLESS

Protection Against Accidents to Vehicles Leads to Furious Driving in Streets.

PARIS, May 19. The Due Dauphine, where Professor Curie was crushed to death by a wagon a few days ago, has claimed another victim. An old woman has been knocked down by a cab, and is not expected to live.

In Paris the frequency of these accidents of late years has become a gross scandal, and is probably much greater than in any other city in the world. The system of insurance, by which the drivers of the Paris cabs are covered against all accidents, has made the men very careless, and although a rule of the road exists, it is honored far more in the breach than in the observance.

The Paris cabman does not, if he can help it, obey the policeman. He may stop when the policeman holds up his white baton, but usually he will argue the point, or will seize an opportunity to drive past before the policeman can take his number.

AFRICAN TRIBESMEN POISON THEIR CHIEF

His Loyalty to the German Flag Resented by His Fierce Followers.

BLANTYRE, May 19. Merere, the paramount chief of the Wasanga tribe in German Nyasaland, has been poisoned by his followers owing to his loyalty to the German flag.

At the time of the occupation of the Nyasaland province by the Germans, Merere assisted Dr. Carl Peters, the first Governor, in restoring order, for which he was presented by the German Emperor with a carved throne and other marks of imperial favor.

By the loss of Merere to the Germans, he is now a prisoner in the northwest portion of the territory may continue for a much longer period than was anticipated, while again many hundreds of the insurgents have taken up their abode in the more inaccessible parts of the Livingstone range of mountains, where severe fighting is reported to have taken place.

One native chief, who was believed to be responsible for the murder of a number of native levies, was executed recently at Lilongwe. In full view of many hundreds of natives of the Wasanga tribe.

WEIRD "DREAM PLAY" BY JAPANESE ACTRESS

Visions of the Dead and Other Extraordinary Illusions Its Features.

LONDON, May 19. Fuji-Ko, the well-known Japanese actress, who is now in London, has written and will shortly perform a one-act "dream play," the main feature of which is an extraordinary series of illusions or visions.

The theme of the play is the doctrine of "nirvana," believed in by Buddhists and Brahmins. According to this doctrine, the soul, after death, and after passing through a variety of phases, finally becomes "nirvana," or the "drop in the ocean"; that is, it loses all individuality and becomes extinct. The process by which the state of nirvana is arrived at is called dhyana, and is simply a series of ecstasies or trances self-imposed.

John Wells, whose name literally translated signifies "The Lady of the Wistaria," talked yesterday about her play. "It is called 'The Love of a Geisha,'" she said. "The scene represents a Japanese 'ahoy,' or little house. The geisha comes in and her thoughts wander away to the events of her past life. She sleeps and before her rise the dream visions."

"I cannot describe these visions, but they will be absolutely different from anything ever seen before in the Western world. The Japanese artist, Yoshio Marikino, has arranged them."

"The beautiful Eastern belief that the bodies of soldiers who are killed on the field of battle arise again will be made the basis of one of the visions. A battlefield, on which the bodies of dead soldiers are lying, is seen. Suddenly a silver bugle sounds, and from the still forms spirits arise and follow the call of the bugle."

John Wells speaks English perfectly. She has spent nine years of her life in America, and graduated at an American college.

PRIEST KILLS PRIEST WHILE SAYING MASS

Mind Gives Way, and Drawing Revolver He Shoots Celibate and Then Himself.

MADRID, May 19. A terrible tragedy took place today in the Church of Santo Domingo, at Murcia.

While a famous Jesuit priest, Father Pedro Morales, was celebrating mass at the high altar, another priest, named Toribio Martinez suddenly drew a revolver from under his cassock and fired two bullets into Father Morales' head.

The latter fell lifeless at the steps of the altar. Martinez then shot himself through the heart.

PREACHER'S VISION FORETELLS A DEATH

Tells Congregation of a Premo-nition Which Turns Out to be True.

CARDIFF, May 9. "I have in the past criticized adversely some who have said they have seen visions. I will not do so again. I retract those censorious words."

So spoke the Rev. Meredith Morris from the pulpit of Garth Church, Maesteg, South Wales. He spoke to a crowded congregation.

"What did I know then?" he went on. "We have had our Easter communion and there were absentees from it. There were some who told me they would come, but I looked into their eyes and saw that they did not mean what they said. They did not come, and I afterward saw some of them—seven of them—gambling under a tree."

"Now I have a message from God, and it is to all young men, and to all others in this church. I have seen in a vision seven young men, and one of these seven will be called to his reckoning by his Maker, and that very shortly."

The preacher paused and was convulsed with sobs. A wave of strong emotion passed over the congregation. Men and women literally gasped for breath.

It was on Sunday that the sermon was delivered. Strange to say, on Monday afternoon one of the young men to whom the minister had referred was killed in a colliery.

ENGLAND MAY HAVE HER "GUMMER GIRL"

American to Teach Daughters of Albion Art of Dressing in Warm Weather.

LONDON, May 19. English girls have long envied the American "summer girl," her power of looking cool and dainty in the hottest weather. But the mystery of her fascinating coolness is now to be revealed.

Miss Frances Rockefeller King, a niece of John D. Rockefeller, and a well-known American author and actress, is coming to England to deliver at Claridge's Hotel, a series of seven lectures, illustrated by her own sketches, on "What to Wear and How to Wear It."

The Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Kaye, and the Countess of Warwick, have promised their support. "I will teach the maidenhood of Great Britain how to look as smart as sweet as the American 'summer girl,'" said Miss King, in an interview. "I have been over to England twice before, and each time I saw how far short the English girls in summer fell of our spick-and-span stand."

"They have delightful complexions, perfect figures, and spend any amount on their clothes, but on a warm day they look like a wilted lamshade. They lean too much toward flowered hats and laces, ruffles, and all that sort of easily misused-up thing."

"If I have time I mean to run over to Paris and buy my poor little John a new wig. The fun the newspapers make of his bald head makes my heart bleed for him."

NATAL MAGISTRATE MURDERED BY NATIVES

His Wife, Another Woman and a Policeman Narrowly Escape Death.

PIETERMARITZBURG, May 19. Mr. Stalbank, the Magistrate at Mahlabitini, was murdered last night by natives, who were ambushed on the bank of the Umfolosi river, eight miles from Mahlabitini.

Mr. Stalbank, who was accompanied by his wife, another woman and a policeman named Fellers, was returning from a tax-collecting expedition.

No disaffection existed among the natives in the Mahlabitini district, the local chief being very friendly with the Magistrate.

When the party reached the river, early last evening, a party of natives fired from the underbrush on the south bank. Mr. Stalbank was mortally wounded, and died soon after arriving at Mahlabitini.

Fellers received a flesh wound. The natives made no attempt to pursue the party. The local chief has ordered out parties to search for the murderers.

Mr. Stalbank was a young man of considerable ability, who joined the Natal Civil Service in 1899. He was the son of a former Speaker of the Pietermaritzburg House of Assembly, and was appointed Magistrate in the Mahlabitini district last year.

He was married only two years ago to a daughter of the Hon. H. F. Winter, at present Minister for Native Affairs in Natal.



Mrs. Penkhurst



Miss Penkhurst



Miss Kenny

THREE PROMINENT WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS OF ENGLAND

The question of the electoral franchise for women is now in the forefront in England, and a lively agitation is being kept up by its advocates. During the discussion of the question in the House of Commons recently many of those in the Ladies' Gallery made such a demonstration that they had to be forcibly removed, and have since been forbidden entrance to the House. Miss Penkhurst is one of the leaders of the political movement, and Miss Kenny is secretary of the Women's Social and Political League. Miss Kenny recently underwent imprisonment for disturbing a meeting at which Winston Churchill, Under Secretary for the Colonies, spoke. She is represented in her prison dress.

BOHEMIAN GYPSIES INVADE ALL EUROPE

Exodus Caused by Legend Which Predicts War in Their Country This Year.

GENEVA, May 19. According to a gypsy legend, the summer of 1906 will witness a revolution and civil war in Bohemia, and as the gypsies and Bohemians firmly believe in the prophecy, they are leaving their country in large bands and invading Europe.

In northern Switzerland the authorities are at their wits' end to know what to do with the many roving bands. Large numbers of gypsies are starving.

They are supplied with food and then expelled from the country across the nearest frontier, only to be sent back again by the German and French authorities.

One band of Bohemians has been crossing and recrossing the German, French and Swiss frontiers since January last. They do not in the least mind going to prison en masse, but the authorities do not care to incur the expense of keeping their families and belongings.

They are, however, even more suitable to be eaten as a vegetable than as bread. For this purpose white moss is cleaned, subjected to a certain chemical process, and pressed and cooked. The result is a dish which delights the most blasé epicure, and as regards nutritive value is the equal or superior of many vegetables now in use.

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\$14,500 PAID FOR TWO SILVER-GILT CUPS

New York Dealer Secures, at Record Price, Relic of Elizabethan Period.

LONDON, May 19. John Wells, a New York dealer, paid the astonishing price of \$14,500 at Christie's yesterday for a pair of Elizabethan silver-gilt tazze dated 1582, and engraved with the arms of Boston, Lincolnshire.

A tazza may be described roughly as a shallow bowl, more or less circular, the receptacle being more in the form of a saucer.

The bidding, which began at \$2,500, was most sensational, all the great London firms taking part. So far the largest sum realized for a single tazza has been \$1,600.

Another interesting lot, which evoked a keen contest, was an Elizabethan bell-shaped salt-cellar, with London hall-mark, 1600, and maker's mark, E. B. This was knocked down to Messrs. Crichton for \$700.

Two hundred and fifty shillings an ounce was given for a Charles II portrait ring dated 1663.

GRIM DEATH CLAIMS AN IRISH PATRIOT

After Long and Useful Life, John Ferguson, of Glasgow, Goes to Reward.



JOHN FERGUSON

Special Correspondence.

GLASGOW, May 8. The hand of death has taken from our ranks one of the purest patriots and brightest intellects that ever came amongst us. The news of John Ferguson's death has caused a wave of sorrow over the entire city, as well as in very town and village throughout Scotland where an Irishman resides.

Loved, honored and admired 'was the staunch and true patriot, who for high half a century led his countrymen in this, the land of their exile. No demonstration, no meeting, no gathering was complete without 'Benburh' as he was familiarly called, and seldom or never was he absent from any function which had the furtherance of Ireland's cause on its programme. Intellectually he was an orator and an honor to his country.

Those who heard him speak—and few Irishmen in Scotland have not had the pleasure—were irresistibly drawn to the conclusion that in point of analytic power, luminous insight and commanding intellectual force he had few equals. The full measure of his work for the land he loved so well, through half a century of strenuous endeavor and blameless activity, will cause his fame to grow with the years.

To the service of his country he devoted talents of the highest order, and in that service he "scorned delights and lived laborious days."

Although he has died full of years and honors at the ripe age of seventy winters, his almost sudden departure from the political and municipal arena will be a severe shock to many who regarded his unflinching veracity as a symptom of perennial youth.

A Shoe Collector.

BERLIN, May 19.—A man who was arrested for breaking into a house in Berlin explained that he only wanted a pair of shoes belonging to a celebrated Russian woman pianist who was staying in the house. A collection of women's shoes, all docketed and catalogued, was found in his room.

While a number of Swiss schoolchildren were enjoying a picnic in the Jungfrau, near Solome, yesterday, one of the young girls fell over a precipice. She was caught, however, in the branches of a tree some fifty feet below and lay there unconscious.

The master called for volunteers among the boys of the party, and one of them, named Brenner, aged 14, saying that the girl was his sweetheart, descended the side of the precipice and succeeded in fastening a noose round the unconscious girl. She was quickly drawn to the top, and her rescuer, after a painful climb, rejoined his comrades. One of the girl's arms was broken and she was severely scratched.